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Mail Stop Amendment
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For : VERTEBRA BODY PLATE FOR VERTEBRAL COLUMN FIXING SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment & Response** under 37 C.F.R. 1.112 in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 28, 2006, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on September 28, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.